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Division of Drinking Water

May 15, 2017

System No. 0510005

Jesse Hampton, Plant Operations Manager
CCWD – West Point
P.O. Box 846
San Andreas, CA 95249

TRANSMITTAL OF CITATION NO. 01-10-17C-008

The Calaveras County Water District – West Point (hereinafter "CCWD") water system (No. 0510005) failed to test 4 of its 68 backflow prevention devices in 2016.

The State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Drinking Water has issued Citation No. 01-10-17C-008, in response to this violation. The Citation is being transmitted to CCWD under cover of this letter.

Any person who is aggrieved by an order or decision issued by the deputy director of the Division of Drinking Water under Article 8 (commencing with Health and Safety Code section 116625) or Article 9 (commencing with Health and Safety Code section 116650), of the Safe Drinking Water Act (Chapter 4, Part 12, Division 104, of the Health and Safety Code) may file a petition with the State Water Board for reconsideration of the order or decision. Petitions must be received by the State Board within 30 days of the issuance of the order or decision by the Deputy Director. The date of issuance is the date when the Division of Drinking Water mails a copy of the order or decision. If the 30th day falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or state holiday, the petition is due the following business day. Petitions must be received by 5:00 p.m.

Please respond to the Directives of this Citation by the deadlines established with each item. If you have any questions regarding this Citation, please contact Brian Kidwell by email at Brian.Kidwell@waterboards.ca.gov or by phone at (209) 948-3963.

Sincerely,

Bhupinder S. Sahota, P.E.
District Engineer, Stockton District
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA BRANCH
DRINKING WATER FIELD OPERATIONS

Attachments:

Citation No. 01-10-17C-008

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1 **STATE OF CALIFORNIA**
2 **WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD**
3 **DIVISION OF DRINKING WATER**
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6 **TO:** Calaveras County Water District – West Point
7 P.O. Box 846
8 San Andreas, CA 95249
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10 **Attn:** Mr. Jesse Hampton, Plant Operations Manager
11 Calaveras County Water District – West Point
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13 **CITATION FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS,**
14 **TITLE 17, SECTION 7605(c)**
15 **FAILURE TO TEST EACH BACKFLOW PREVENTION DEVICE ANNUALLY**
16 **CALENDAR YEAR 2016**
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18 **WATER SYSTEM NO. 0510005**
19 **C I T A T I O N N O . 01-10-17C-008**
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21 **Issued on May 15, 2017**

22 The State Water Resources Control Board (hereinafter "Water Board"), acting by and
23 through its Division of Drinking Water (hereinafter "Division") and the Deputy Director
24 for the Division (hereinafter "Deputy Director"), hereby issues this Citation (hereinafter
25 "Citation") pursuant to Section 116650 of the California Health and Safety Code
26 (hereinafter "CHSC") to the Calaveras County Water District – West Point

1 (hereinafter, "CCWD") for violation of California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 17,
2 Section 7605(c).

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4 **APPLICABLE AUTHORITIES**

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6 **Section 116650 of California Health and Safety Code provides:**

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8 (a) If the Division determines that a public water system is in violation of this chapter
9 or any regulation, permit, standard, citation, or order issued or adopted thereunder,
10 the Division may issue a citation to the public water system. The citation shall be
11 served upon the public water system personally or by certified mail. Service shall be
12 deemed effective as of the date of personal service or the date of receipt of the
13 certified mail. If a person to whom a citation is directed refuses to accept delivery of
14 the certified mail, the date of service shall be deemed to be the date of mailing.

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16 (b) Each citation shall be in writing and shall describe the nature of the violation or
17 violations, including a reference to the statutory provision, standard, order, citation,
18 permit, or regulation alleged to have been violated.

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20 (c) A citation may specify a date for elimination or correction of the condition
21 constituting the violation.

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23 (d) A citation may include the assessment of a penalty as specified in subdivision (e).

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25 (e) The Division may assess a penalty in an amount not to exceed one thousand
26 dollars (\$1,000) per day for each day that a violation occurred, and for each day that a
27 violation continues to occur. A separate penalty may be assessed for each violation.



1 **Section 7605(c) of the California Code of Regulations provides, in relevant part:**

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3 Backflow preventers shall be tested at least annually or more frequently if determined
4 to be necessary by the health agency or water supplier. When devices are found to be
5 defective, they shall be repaired or replaced in accordance with the provisions of this
6 Chapter.

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8 **STATEMENT OF FACTS**

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10 West Point is operated under Water Supply Permit No. 03-10-02P-001.

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12 The Calaveras County Water District operates a small water system located
13 approximately six miles south of the town of Pioneer. The system is a community
14 water system that serves the residents of West Point and Wilseyville. According to
15 the 2016 Annual Report to the Division, West Point serves approximately 1,588
16 people through 527 service connections. West Point supplies treated surface water to
17 its customers.

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19 The raw water supply for the Surface Water Treatment Plant (SWTP) is obtained from
20 the Bear Creek diversion and from the Middle Fork of the Mokelumne River. The
21 water is stored in a 50-acre foot raw water regulator reservoir for flow by gravity to the
22 treatment plant. Water flows by gravity from Bear Creek into the regulating reservoir.
23 The water from Bear Creek can also bypass the regulating reservoir and flow directly
24 to the treatment plant. The Mokelumne River supply can be pumped both directly into
25 the treatment facility and to the 50-acre foot regulator reservoir. Rough screening of
26 the raw water intake from the 50-acre foot regulator reservoir is provided.



1 The treatment plant consists of a 1.0 MGD Microfloc Trident filtration unit. The
2 treatment processes include: pretreatment and chemical feed systems, contact
3 clarification and mixed media filtration by the Microfloc package treatment system,
4 process control and monitoring, backwash and wash water recovery and disinfection.

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6 SWT 9310A made by Sterling Technologies is used for coagulation. Sodium
7 hypochlorite solution is used for disinfection.

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9 The finished water is stored in two clearwells (each with storage capacity of 300,000
10 gallons), which provide for chlorine contact time, before it is delivered to the
11 distribution system. The treated water is also stored in one distribution system water
12 storage tank, the Bummerville Tank, which has a capacity of about 80,000 gallons.

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14 During the Division's review of CCWD's 2016 Annual Report, it was noted that only 64
15 of the 68 backflow prevention devices were tested during 2016. According to the
16 2016 Annual Report and subsequent verification with Jesse Hampton, CCWD failed to
17 test 4 of its 68 backflow prevention devices for calendar year 2016.

18 19 DETERMINATION

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21 The Division has determined that the CCWD failed to comply with the requirements of
22 Section 7605(c) due to the fact that CCWD failed to test 4 of its 68 backflow
23 prevention devices during 2016. Therefore, CCWD is in violation of Section 7605(c)
24 of the California Code of Regulations.



1 **DIRECTIVES**

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3 CCWD is hereby directed to take the following actions:

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- 5 1. CCWD shall test all of its backflow prevention devices by July 31, 2017.
- 6 CCWD shall also submit a backflow prevention device testing status report and
- 7 copies of the individual device test reports to the Division by August 11, 2017.
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- 9 2. CCWD shall submit a plan to the Division which outlines a process to ensure
- 10 that all backflow prevention devices are tested at least annually. CCWD shall
- 11 submit this plan for review and approval by no later than August 11, 2017.
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13 The Division reserves the right to make such modifications to this Citation as it may

14 deem necessary to protect public health and safety. Such modifications may be

15 issued as amendments to this Citation, and shall be deemed effective upon issuance.

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17 Nothing in this Citation relieves CCWD of its obligation to meet the requirements of

18 the California Safe Drinking Water Act, or of any regulation, permit, standard, or order

19 issued or adopted thereunder.

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21 All submittals required by this Citation shall be submitted to the Division at the

22 following address:

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24 Bhupinder S. Sahota, P.E.

25 District Engineer, Stockton District

26 State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Drinking Water

27 31 E. Channel Street, Room 270

28 Stockton, CA 9202

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1 **PARTIES BOUND**

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3 This Citation shall apply to and be binding upon CCWD, its officers, directors,
4 shareholders, agents, employees, contractors, successors, and assignees.
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6 **SEVERABILITY**

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8 The Directives of this Citation are severable, and CCWD shall comply with each and
9 every provision thereof, notwithstanding the effectiveness of any other provision.
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11 **FURTHER ENFORCEMENT ACTION**

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13 The California SDWA authorizes the Board to: issue citation with assessment of
14 administrative penalties to a public water system for violation or continued violation of
15 the requirements of the California SDWA or any permit, regulation, permit or order
16 issued or adopted thereunder including, but not limited to, failure to correct a violation
17 identified in a citation or compliance order. The California SDWA also authorizes the
18 Board to take action to suspend or revoke a permit that has been issued to a public
19 water system if the system has violated applicable law or regulations or has failed to
20 comply with an order of the Board; and to petition the superior court to take various
21 enforcement measures against a public water system that has failed to comply with
22 violates an order of the Board. The Board does not waive any further enforcement
23 action by issuance of this citation.
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5-15-2017

Date

Bhupinder S. Sahota, P.E.
District Engineer, Stockton District
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